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1. UNRRA aid for Czechoslovak agriculture was allocated to the Ministry of Agriculture in the following ways:
  - a. Agricultural machinery and implements, and funds for the purchase of such equipment, for distribution to communities, agricultural cooperatives, and individual farmers. This type of assistance was stopped at the end of 1948.
  - b. Funds to be used for the rebuilding and development of Czechoslovak agriculture as a whole. These funds were mainly used for development of veterinary services and agricultural education. At the end of 1947 there was a sum totalling 345,000,000 crowns to be used for these two purposes.
2. After February 1948, large sums from these funds were used for medical examinations of cattle and swine and vaccination against tuberculosis. This large project was in progress for several years. Large sums of money were also used for building training centers for the Ministry of Agriculture; these centers were supposedly for advanced training but were used primarily for political schooling and training in Communist methods of agriculture. This training was not only for employees of the Ministry of Agriculture but also for those employed by other government agricultural administrations and leading employees of uniform agricultural cooperatives and state farms. Special one-year courses were also organized for reliable Communists of the working class who were slated to occupy key political positions within the administration. The Ministry of Agriculture had a number of these training centers; the most important were located in the following places: Doksy (N 50-34, E 14-40),

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Dolni Brezany (N 49-58, E 14-28), Olomouc, Obristvi (N 50-18, E 12-29), Citeliby (N 50-20, E 13-48), Prague-Krc, Brno, Dukovany (N 49-05, E 16-12), Grabstejn (near Liberec), Hrusovany (in Moravia) and Kraliky (N 50-05, E 16-46). These centers were gradually abolished and their functions were transferred to standard agricultural schools administered by regional national committees. In 1953, only one training center remained under the direct control of the Ministry of Agriculture, the center at Dolni Brezany, which was used primarily for specialized advanced training in ~~animal husbandry~~, directing tractor and machinery pools, accounting practices for uniform agricultural cooperatives, etc. UNRRA funds were used until the end of 1950 when the government ordered the liquidation of this program, and a financial account of these activities to be made, and the remainder of the money be turned back to the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Agriculture refunded about 6,500,000 crowns; the funds which were administered by the regional national committees were turned over to the Ministry of Finance directly by these committees.

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